

Stork, Francisco X - **Marcelo in the Real World.**

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

Vande Velde, Vivian - **Heir Apparent**

While playing a total Immersion virtual reality game, fourteen year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

Werlin, Nancy – **Impossible**

When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

Wynne-Jones, Tim- **Blink and Caution.**

Two teenagers who are living on the streets and barely getting by become involved in a complicated criminal plot, and make an unexpected connection with each other.

Yancey, Rick -**The Monstrumologist** (series)

Will Henry, orphan and assistant to a monstrumologist, races against time to save his town (and himself) from the anthropophagi, a pod of monstrous creatures who prey on humans.

Yang, Gene Luen- **The Eternal Smile**

Three tales in one graphic novel show the paper-thin margin that separates fantasy from reality for a warrior, a frog and a girl.

Zarr, Sara -**How to Save a Life**

Jill, who is grieving the death of her father, is appalled that her mother is adopting a baby and giving the pregnant mother, Mandy, a home... but Mandy's got a story of her own.

Zusak, Markus - **The Book Thief**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

These are just a few of the many books that young adults enjoy. Ask your local librarian for further suggestions.

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YOUNG ADULT READING LIST



Alexie, Sherman - **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian.**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is his school mascot.

Anderson, M.T. - **Feed**

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Bacigalupi, Paolo- **Ship Breaker**

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Bray, Libba – **Beauty Queens**

Teen beauty queens. A *Lost*-like island. Mysteries and dangers. No access to email. And the spirit of fierce, feral competition that lives underground in girls, a savage brutality that can only be revealed by a journey into the heart of non-exfoliated darkness. Oh, the horror, the horror! Only funnier. With evening gowns. And a body count.

Brennan, Sarah Rees- **Demon's Lexicon** (series)

Sixteen-year-old Nick and his older brother Alan are always on the run. Now, Alan has been marked by a demon and to save him, the boys must become the hunters.

Carson, Rae- **The Girl of Fire and Thorns**

A fearful sixteen-year-old princess discovers her heroic destiny after being married off to the king of a neighboring country in turmoil and pursued by enemies seething with dark magic.

Chbosky, Stephen - **Perks of Being a Wallflower**

Charlie finds his way through freshman year in spite of being too smart for his own good and haunted by confusing and disturbing memories. He's helped by some independent seniors and a sympathetic teacher.

Collins, Suzanne- **The Hunger Games** (series)

Katniss is a 16-year-old girl living with her mother and younger sister in the poorest district of Panem, the remains of what used be the United States. Long ago the districts waged war on the Capitol and were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called, "The Hunger Games." The terrain, rules, and level of audience participation may change but one thing is constant: kill or be killed.

Dessen, Sarah - **Just Listen**

Being nice, never complaining, and avoiding conflict no longer work for Annabel Green. Can she listen to her own voice and speak up?

Doctorow, Cory- **Little Brother**

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Donnelly, Jennifer -**Revolution**

Haunted by the death of her brother, Andi is taken to Paris by her estranged father where an encounter with a mysterious diary may bring her back from the edge.

Donoghue, Emma – **Room**

In many ways, Jack is a typical 5-year-old. He likes to read books, watch TV, and play games with his Ma. But Jack is different in a big way--he has lived his entire life in a single room, sharing the tiny space with only his mother and an unnerving nighttime visitor known as Old Nick. For Jack, Room is the only world he knows, but for Ma, it is a prison in which she has tried to craft a normal life for her son.

Green, John – **The Fault In Our Stars**

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Handler, Daniel, with illustrations by Maira Kalman- **Why We Broke Up**

Min Green and Ed Slaterton are breaking up, so Min is writing Ed a letter and giving him a box. Inside the box is why they broke up. Two bottle caps, a movie ticket, a folded note, a box of matches, a protractor, books, a toy truck, a pair of ugly earrings, a comb from a motel room, and every other item collected over the course of a giddy, intimate, heartbreaking relationship.

Luper, Eric- **Seth Baumgartner's Love Manifesto**

Seth Baumgartner just had the worst day of his life. His girlfriend dumped him (at Applebee's), he spied his father on a date with a woman who is not his mother (also at Applebee's!), and he lost his fourth job of the year. It's like every relationship he cares about is imploding, and he can't figure out what's going on.

Maberry, Jonathan- **Rot and Ruin (series)**

Benny and Tom Imura are brothers who don't really get along in a zombified world until catastrophic events help Benny understand his brother better.

Matson, Morgan- **Amy & Roger's Epic Detour**

Amy Curry is having a terrible year. Her mother has decided to move all the way across the country and needs Amy to drive their car from California to the East Coast. There's just one problem: since the death of her father, Amy hasn't been able to get behind the wheel of a car. Enter Roger, the son of an old family friend, who turns out to be unexpectedly cute... and dealing with some baggage of his own.

McBride, Lish -**Hold Me Closer, Necromancer**

When Sam discovers he is a necromancer he must learn to control his power in order to defeat a powerful and corrupt rival and save his friends.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert - **Dairy Queen (series)**

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Ness, Patrick -**The Knife of Never Letting Go (series)**

Todd Hewitt is the last boy in a town of all men. In a town where everyone can hear each other's thoughts, what kind of secrets can be kept?

Oppel, Kenneth- **Airborn (series)**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above Earth's surface.

Reinhardt, Dana. **The Things a Brother Knows**

Boaz is back from fighting with the Marines in the Middle East and hailed as the hometown hero, but he is not at all the same. Can his younger brother Levi help him truly make his way home?

Resau, Laura and Maria Virginia Farinango- **The Queen of Water**

In her village of indígenas, it is not uncommon to work in the fields all day, even as a child, or to be called a longa tonta—stupid Indian—by members of the ruling class of mestizos, or Spanish descendants. When seven-year-old Virginia is taken from her village to be a servant to a mestizo couple, she has no idea what the future holds.

Scott, Michael - **The Alchemyst: Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series)**

While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

Shusterman, Neal – **Unwind**

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives “unwound” and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs—and perhaps, save their own lives.

Small, David- **Stitches: A Memoir**

In stunning graphic memoir format, Caldecott-winning artist David Small tells the story of his difficult childhood and his journey into adolescence and adulthood.

Springer, Nancy - **I am Mordred**

King Arthur's illegitimate son fights against his destiny to be his father's killer.

Stiefvater, Maggie- **The Scorpio Races**

Some race to win. Others race to survive. It happens at the start of every November: the Scorpio Races. Riders attempt to keep hold of their water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. Some riders live. Others die.